

session to be held tonight, Wednesday, February 2nd, 2005, at 9 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 39 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (H. Con. Res. 39) providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 39) was agreed to.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until 8:40 p.m. tonight, at which time the Senate will proceed as a body to the House Chamber for the President's State of the Union address; provided that upon the dissolution of the joint session, the Senate adjourn until 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 3rd.

I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for up to 2 hours, with the first hour under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second hour under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided that following morning business the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the nomination of Alberto Gonzales to be Attorney General as provided under the previous order; provided that during the first 2 hours of debate tomorrow, the first 30 minutes be under the control of the majority, and following that the time alternate every 30 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Alberto Gonzales to be Attorney General for a total of 8 hours of debate remaining with the time equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. It is my hope that some time will be yielded back, allowing us to proceed to a vote earlier in the afternoon. We have had full debate on this nomination. We all appreciate the orderly fashion in which we have conducted the debate.

Again, Senators are reminded to gather at 8:30 this evening in the Senate Chamber. The Senate will proceed as a body promptly at 8:40 tonight and to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the President's 9 p.m. address.

RECESS

Mr. McCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask the Senate stand in recess until 8:40 this evening.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:50 p.m., recessed until 8:38 p.m., and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. COLEMAN).

JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES—ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now proceed to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear the address by the President of the United States.

Thereupon, the Senate, preceded by the Deputy Sergeant at Arms, J. Keith Kennedy, the Secretary of the Senate, Emily J. Reynolds, and the Vice President of the United States, DICK CHENEY, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear the address by the President of the United States, George W. Bush.

(The address delivered by the President of the United States to the joint session of the two Houses of Congress appears in the proceedings of the House of Representatives in today's RECORD.)

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

At the conclusion of the joint session of the two Houses, and in accordance with the order previously entered, at 10:07 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Thursday, February 3, 2005, at 9 a.m.